

Mr. Weisberg:

AFTERMATH OF THE ASSASSINATION: AMBULANCE

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Thanks for your note. This is to let you know that when it is needed, we can give you detailed paper on the following. ("We", I am pleased to say, I have found a fellow detective in whom I have complete confidence.) There is much more than I can give you here.

The ambulance running loose on the way to Parkland was carrying a third victim of the shooting on Elm Street. This is made clear when Sgt. Burkhart, in front of Parkland, asks the dispatcher (time about 12:38), "What's this emergency on this ambulance?" The dispatcher answers, "We had a shooting in the downtown area." The FBI transcript adds "involving the President". This makes it explicit that there was an ambulance running for Parkland carrying someone shot at the assassination scene. This ambulance is #601. It later shows up at Parkland.

Thompson's detective work on the Fuller stretcher covers the fact that there was a third bloody stretcher at Parkland by 1 o'clock most probably with a bullet on it. This bullet was not #388 since Johnson and Rowley both declined to identify #388. Johnson had even marked the stretcher bullet! #388 was substituted by the FBI after the 22nd of November, or after Johnson removed the real stretcher bullet from Parkland. The mysterious "Mr. X" whom nurse Bertha Lozano refers to must have been this third shooting victim. There was no mystery about Kennedy or Connally at that time and they both had room numbers. Miss Lozano says that blood technicians and hematologists were coming to her to find out who "Mr. X" was who had no room number. We know from Nurse Henschliffe that she went to get blood from the bank for Kennedy and at that time was told their patient was the President. It is impossible that the blood technicians did not know for whom they were supplying blood. What they did not know was who "Mr. X" was. -The third bloody stretcher could not have been Fuller's since two nurses state that Fuller had been just prepared for suturing when the President was declared dead. This was one o'clock and Fuller had not yet been treated. Tomlinson saw the third bloody stretcher just after one o'clock. It was not Fuller's. This is just a job of forestalling on Thompson's part. He is really explaining away a third bloody stretcher; he is not seriously interested in #388, obviously since he attributes it's appearance on the stretcher to a souvenir hunter.

NBC announced that an officer was DOA at Parkland ~~at~~ shortly before 1:30 that day. This may be seen by comparing DPD Channel 1 with the Sheriff's log. This could not have been a mistaken report of Tippit DOA at Methodist. Tippit was supposedly DOA at Methodist at 1:28. NBC would not have been able to get this on the air at the same time it happened, or even in two minutes, not even if they had a reporter with the Tippit ambulance which they should not have had. The Sheriff's log continued to record an officer dead at Parkland. Since some of the sheriff's men had Channel 1, they were obviously getting this from there and the Channel 1 transcript has been "garbled" on the NBC DOA announcement. You get so you can put these garbles in yourself.

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